## KOLBE PRISON MINISTRY AT THE STEVENSON UNIT

The Kolbe Prison Ministry, since its inception on Stevenson Unit, has had a tremendous impact on the inmates. The Kolbe retreat, which transcends race and religion, brings hope, joy, and a high level of spirituality to the participants. Held twice annually, this retreat has recorded indelible transformations in the lives of the inmates. It creates a space for the men to express themselves as they sit in groups with "free-world volunteers" and other inmates to share. This opportunity for vulnerability keeps their spirits open to receiving from God.

The weekends spark joy, excitement, and hope on the unit, and everyone looks forward to the next retreat. The impact of the Kolbe Prison Ministry is evident in the increased attendance of Catholic Mass, RCIA classes, and Bible studies. There is a hunger for spirituality as inmates attend these classes, and the difference it makes in their lives is clear.

Stevenson Unit Chaplaincy will always remain grateful to God for Kolbe Prison Ministry's impact on Stevenson Unit. God bless you for all you do and will continually do. May your labor of love never be in vain in Jesus' name.

Chaplain Deborah Achimugu Stevenson Unit in Cuero Texas August 2024